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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Komooka et al.

Serial No.: 09/433,475

For: DRAWINGS METHOD AND DRAWING APPARATUS FOR  
DISPLAYING IMAGE DATA ABOUT A PLURALITY OF  
OBJECTS INCLUDING SEMITRANSSPARENT OBJECT  
AND OPAQUE OBJECT ON COMPUTER DISPLAY  
SCREEN

Filed: November 4, 1999

Examiner: Wiley

Art Unit: 2671

Attorney Docket No.: 909.0004USU

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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Total Claims	9	Minus	20	0	x \$18.00	\$
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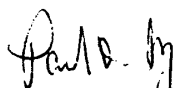
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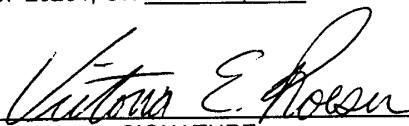
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action dated February 15, 2002, please amend  
the above patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A drawing method for displaying image data about a plurality of objects including an opaque object and semitransparent objects, each having information about a depth direction, on a computer display screen by using an updatable Z-buffer as a storage, said method comprising the steps of: